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SUBJECT:MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

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1. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF PM CALLAGHAN'S FEBRUARY 21  
REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER (REFTEL) ON THE SUMMIT:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, VERY MANY THANKS FOR  
YOUR LETTER OF 12 FEBRUARY ABOUT VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S  
RECENT VISIT HERE - WHICH I GREATLY VALUED - AND ABOUT THE  
PROSPECT OF A FURTHER SUMMIT MEETING OF THE HEADS OF STATE  
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE INDUSTRIALISED DEMOCRACIES.

I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOUND A GENERAL  
CONSENSUS ON HIS RECENT TRIP THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE  
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USEFUL, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE HELD IN LONDON IN THE FIRST  
HALF OF MAY. AS YOU KNOW, I TOO SEE VALUE IN ANOTHER MEET-  
ING OF THIS KIND AND AT THIS TIME: AND I WOULD BE HAPPY  
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TAKE ON THE HOST COUNTRY RESPON-  
SIBILITIES AS YOU SUGGEST. YOU SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST TIM-  
ING MIGHT BE JUST BEFORE THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON  
10-11 MAY. THIS IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE TO ME, AND I WOULD

LIKE TO SUGGEST 7-8 MAY. I HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE ACCEPT-  
ABLE TO YOU.

I NOTE THAT YOU FORESEE PARTICIPATION BY THOSE COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED AT PUERTO RICO, BUT THAT YOU WOULD WELCOME  
PARTICIPATION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. AS YOU SAY, THE  
NATURE OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION IS SOMETHING WHICH WE  
AND THE OTHER COMMUNITY COUNTRIES MUST NOW DISCUSS. AS THE  
CURRENT PRESIDENT, I SHALL NOW SET THIS DISCUSSION IN  
TRAIN; AND I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN, PROBABLY  
EARLY NEXT MONTH, WHEN OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS POINT HAVE  
TAKEN PLACE. WE CAN THEN ALSO CONSIDER DETAILED QUESTIONS  
OF AGENDA AND PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS. I FULLY AGREE WITH  
YOU ON THE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATION AND I AM GRATEFUL  
TO YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 18 FEBRUARY INFORMING ME THAT  
YOU HAVE APPOINTED HENRY OWEN AS YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTA-  
TIVE FOR THE PREPARATORY WORK. I HAVE ASKED SIR JOHN HUNT  
TO ACT AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

I ALSO WELCOME WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT DISCREET POLITICAL DISCUS-  
SIONS BETWEEN THE FOUR OF US WITH BERLIN RESPONSIBILITIES,  
AND I HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO MEET PRI-  
VATELY FOR THIS PURPOSE ON THE EVENING BEFORE THE MAIN  
MEETING BEGINS. IF THIS WAS AGREEABLE TO YOU, I WOULD  
SUGGEST TO PRESIDENT GISCARD AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT THAT  
WE MIGHT START THESE DISCUSSIONS ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 MAY.

FOR THE TIME BEING, WE SHALL DEFER ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS HERE  
ABOUT THE PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

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I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS - AND MANY  
OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO US BOTH - DURING MY VISIT  
TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH. YOURS SINCERELY, JIM CALLAGHAN

END TEXT.

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